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SUBJECT: TACHAI CAMPAIGN FOCUS ON SHARPENED STRUGGLE AGAINST  
"CAPITALIST LINE".

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1. WHILE EARLIER PRC MATERIALS ON TOP-LEVEL NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
AT TACHAI WHICH BEGAN SEPTEMBER 15 EMPHASIZED  
ITS CALL FOR ACHIEVING FARM MECHANIZATION BY  
1980 (SEE REFTTEL), SEVERAL MORE RECENT REPORTS  
FOCUS ON IMPORTANCE OF SPEEDING ORGANIZATION TRANSFORMATION OF  
COUNTRYSIDE ALONG TACHAI MODEL.

2. IN LENGTHLY COMMENTARY ON CONFERENCE AND ON SIGNIFICANCE ON  
TACHAI MOVEMENT, OCTOBER ISSUE OF "RED FLAG" DOES NOT REFER

TO TASK OF REALIZING FARM MECHANIZATION UNTIL LAST PARA. AND  
THEN ONLY BRIEFLY. COMMUNES WHICH ONLY LEARNED "SUPERFICIAL THINGS"  
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FROM TACHAI, SUCH AS METHODS OF PRODUCTION, HARDLY BENEFITTED--

ARTICLE POINTS OUT--AND THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS AS WELL AS PEOPLE'S MENTALITY REMAINED BASICALLY AS BEFORE.

3. INSTEAD FUNDAMENTAL LESSON OF TACHAI--RED FLAG STATES-- IS NEED TO PRESS STRUGGLE IN FAVOR OF REVOLUTIONARY LINE AND AGAINST REVISIONIST, CAPITALIST LINE IN ALL AREAS OF AGRICULTURE OPERATIONS, INCLUDING "USE OF LABOR FORCES WITHIN COLLECTIVE ECONOMY, PREPARATION FOR PLANTING, CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH AGRICULTURAL AND SIDELINE PRODUCTS ARE SOLD, DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNE AND BRIGADE-RUN ENTERPRISES AND DISTRIBUTION OF COLLECTIVE INCOME." KEY TO SUCCESS IN STRUGGLE IS CAPABLE AND ENERGETIC LEADERSHIP AT COUNTRY PARTY COMMITTEE LEVEL, ABLE TO MARSHAL SUPPORT OF POOR AND LOWER-MIDDLE PEASANTS, AND TO CONTROL TENDENCIES TOWARD "SMALLSCALE AND PRIVATE PRODUCTION".

4. OCTOBER COMMENTARY FOLLOWS UPON ARTICLE IN AUGUST ISSUE OF "RED FLAG" CRITICIZING IN UNUSUALLY SHARP TONE CONTINUED "SERIOUS CAPITALIST TENDENCIES IN SOME PLACES IN THE COUNTRY-SIDE", AND LACK OF APPRECIATION "BY LEADING GROUPS THERE" FOR NEED TO STRUGGLE AGAINST SUCH TENDENCIES. ARTICLE CONTAINS SERIOUS WARNING AGAINST COUNTRYSIDE "DEGENERATION INTO COLLECTIVE CAPITALISM" UNDER INFLUENCE OF WELL-TO-DO PEASANTS AND PRIVATE TRADERS.

5. ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION WAS ALSO PRINCIPLE THEME OF SPEECH TO NATIONAL TACHAI CONFERENCE BY KUO FENG-LIEN SECRETARY OF TACHAI BRIGADE'S COMMUNIST PARTY BRANCH. NCNA QUOTES HER AS ATTRIBUTING TACHAI SUCCESS ABOVE ALL "TO CONSTANT AND PERSISTENT STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALIST ROAD", INCLUDING LIU SHAO-CHI REVISIONIST LINE. FOR EXAMPLE, "IN HANDLING RELATIONS BETWEEN COLLECTIVE ACCUMULATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AMONG COMMUNE MEMBERS", KUO FENG-LIEN POINTED OUT, TACHAI ALWAYS STOOD BY PRINCIPLE OF EXPANDING AND STRENGTHENING COLLECTIVE ECONOMY.

6. PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES WHO ATTENDED CONFERENCE AT TACHAI ARE APPARENTLY GIVING CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS TO THIS ISSUE IN THEIR REPORTS TO CONSTITUENCIES. KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERVICE OF OCTOBER 6 REPORTS CCP COMMITTEE TELEPHONE CONFERENCE IN WHICH CADRES WERE URGED TO "ACTIVELY UNFOLD STRUGGLES BETWEEN THE TWO CLASSES AND TWO LINES, CRITICIZE CAPITALIST TENDENCIES AND BOURGEOIS FACTIONALISM AND... CORRECT THE IDEOLOGICAL LINE OF LEADERSHIP AT ALL LEVELS." SZECHWAN, KUNMING AND HUPEH CADRES WERE ALSO TOLD THAT "BASIC LESSON OF TACHAI" IS ACTIVE STRUGGLE AGAINST CAPITALIST TRENDS (SEE RESPECTIVE PROVINCIAL SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 5 AND 7).

7. COMMENT: DEMAND FOR RESTRICTION OF "BOURGEOIS RIGHTS" IN COUNTRYSIDE IS OF COURSE NOT NEW SUBJECT (SEE HONG KONG A-210 OF OCTOBER 6, 1975) IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CONCLUDE FROM ATTENTION SUBJECT APPARENTLY RECEIVED AT TACHAI CONFERENCE AND FROM SUBSEQUENT COMMENTARY IN PRINCIPLE IDEOLOGICAL PUBLICATION THAT ANY DRASTIC CHANGE OF POLICY CONCERNING RELATIVELY RELAXED PRACTICES STILL PREVAILING IN MUCH OF COUNTRYSIDE IS IMMINENT-- PARTICULARLY SINCE SOME MATERIAL REFER TO ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION AS LONG PROCESS AND NOTE THAT "IMPORTANCE POLICIES WHICH DEAL WITH SYSTEM OF OWNERSHIP AND DISTRIBUTION MUST BE HANDLED WITH CAUTION. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS ENOUGH HERE TO SUGGEST AT LEAST SOME TOP-LEVEL SENTIMENT IN FAVOR OF SPEED-UP IN ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSFORMATION OF COUNTRYSIDE, PERHAPS IN SUCH AREAS AS STANDARDIZING WORK-POINT DISTRIBUTION ALONG LINES OF TACHAI MODEL, LIMITING INCOME DISTRIBUTION VERSUS COLLECTIVE ACCUMULATION LIMITING PRIVATE SIDELINE OCCUPATIONS INCLUDING TRADING; ENHANCING ROLE OF PRODUCTION BRIGADES; AND EVEN RESTRICTING PRIVATE PLOTS. NEED FOR SPEEDING MECHANIZATION OF AGRICULTURAL WHICH WAS UNDOUBTDLY ALSO A MAIN THEME OF TACHAI CONFERENCE-CLOSELY INTERCONNECTS, OF COURSE, WITH THEME OF SHARPENED STRUGGLE IN THAT LARGER ACCUMULATION OF COLLECTIVE CAPITAL WILL BE NEEDED TO BUY MACHINERY, AND BRIGADES ARE ORGANIZATIONALLY BETTER EQUIPPED TO HANDLE MACHINERY.

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